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ISD Board of Education Meeting Recap - December 2023

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[Click here](#) to watch Superintendent Dr. Dale Herl's video recap of the December 12, 2023 Board of Education meeting.

Announcements & News



Exciting News from Pioneer Ridge!

A group of outstanding IMPACT 7th graders are among the **Top 20 finalists** in Burns & McDonnell's prestigious **Battle of the Brains competition**. The competition received hundreds of submissions from both sides of the state line. This achievement is a testament to their passion for STEM and ability to think critically and collaborate effectively. Let's give a big shoutout to our incredible students for reaching this significant milestone! We're looking forward to cheering them on as the winners are announced at an

awards ceremony at Union Station on January 23, 2024.

Read more and see all photos: <https://www.isdschools.org/2023/12/congratulations-pioneer-ridge-impact-students/>

BBBSKC Donation Collection Bins

We are excited to announce a new partnership with [Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kansas City](https://www.bigsiblings.org/). As part of our commitment to community engagement, giving back, and supporting ISD students, we have placed donation collection bins at five of our schools. **The ISD will receive 5 cents back per pound of collected donations, and that money will go directly to ISD students and programs!**

Learn more: <https://www.isdschools.org/2023/12/isd-big-brothers-big-sisters-kc-donation-bins/>



INDEPENDENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2024-2025 CALENDAR																							
AUGUST 2024			SEPTEMBER 2024			OCTOBER 2024			NOVEMBER 2024														
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2024-2025 School Year Calendar

The 2024-2025 School Year calendar has been approved by the ISD Board of Education and posted on the ISD website. View the calendar and download a PDF at:

<https://www.isdschools.org/2023/12/2024-2025-school-year-calendar/>

MySchoolBucks Supplemental Fee

The vendor that ISD uses for an online payment system to manage student accounts and school meals, MySchoolBucks, announced a \$2.50 Program Fee that will be added to all of the first payments made in November and December 2023 for all accounts, citing increased operational costs and related services. **The fee was not imposed by the ISD, and parents/guardians can avoid paying it by bringing cash or a check to their student's school.**

Read more: <https://www.isdschools.org/2023/12/myschoolbucks-announces-fall-2023-program-fee/>





Weather Preparedness

With winter weather upon us, it's essential to stay informed about any potential school closures due to inclement weather. On inclement weather days, **announcements will be posted on the district website and social media platforms, and you will also receive an email, robocall, and SMS message.**

Read more about the snow-day decision-making process:

<https://www.isdschools.org/2023/12/snow-day-decision-making-process/>

Winter Break

As the holiday season approaches, please be reminded that the last day of school for the first semester is Friday, December 22. The first day of the second semester is Wednesday, January 3. We wish everyone a safe, restful break.

Access School Year Calendar here:

<https://www.isdschools.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/2023-2024-Student-Calendar.pdf>



ISD is Hiring

Share this with someone you know who is looking for meaningful work! [Click here to view open positions in the ISD](#) which include Kids' Safari (Before, After, and Full-Day care), Early Education, Nurses, and Transportation!

ISD employee benefits include: Childcare Reimbursement, free use of the ISD Wellness Center and Henley Aquatic Center, and access to low-cost or free care at the ISD Health Clinic. [Learn more.](#)

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in the ISD. Together, we continue to work to create and maintain an environment where every student can thrive. Have a wonderful December!

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